Attendees: Adkins, Arbelaez, Bacon, D’Souza, Skreija, Watson

Excused: Allen, Akers, Sadleek

I. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m.

II. The July minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Bacon met with A&S Dean Hendricks and discussed filling senate vacancies for two A&S representatives who have resigned. The A&S runner-up list has been depleted. They agreed that Senator Bacon would ask for a list of A&S Senators and their departments for the past ten years. The remaining A&S Senators will caucus and elect two new members.

B. The July budget was approved as reported.

C. Parliamentarian: Professor Carroll gave an overview of what he will cover at the Senate Retreat on August 18, 2004.

IV Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Educational Resources and Services: An extended report was distributed as part of the agenda. Senator Watson reported that while the Committee did not meet during the month of July, on 2 August 2004, the ER&S Chair, Marsha Watson, and the President of the Faculty Senate, Wally Bacon, met with Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology John Feine at his request. There were three agenda items for the meeting, the first of which was to inform of the Senate of the current status of the issue of web space for students and faculty. The Cabinet decided to authorize ITS to make web space within faculty and student UNO myFolder accounts available beginning Fall 2004. 100 M total of space is available to each individual student and faculty member in their myFolder accounts. The old web system is still up and running, so that an additional 200M of space is available to departments or
faculty. There is no real space limit in this system, but excess use will incur costs. Other limitations for web space hosted on the old system include the following: the web site must have at least 2 sponsors, and the URL can not include a personal name. Executive Memorandum 16 is the document that regulates the use of UNO web space by faculty and students. The second item was the need for a continuing, positive dialog between ITS and the Faculty Senate. The third item was the forthcoming digital Faculty Portfolio. Other information: the Paul Beck Scholarship winner, Larry Triplett, could not accept the award due to a conflict with the Kiewit Memorial scholarship, which he was also awarded. A search of the ER&S Committee binder revealed that no list of alternate awardees was available. Future procedure will include ranking a list of top candidates so as to generate a list of alternates

V Old Business:

A. Resolution regarding Senate Representative to SAC Spirit Committee: President Bacon moved the following, it passed, and will be on the full Senate agenda at the Retreat:

Be it resolved that the following Senator is appointed as the Faculty Senate representative to the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Spirit Committee for a one year term, until May 2005:

Stuart Bernstein.

VI New Business

A. The Academic and Curricular Committee will look into Monday classes and labs losing a day each semester due to holidays or breaks.

B. The Faculty Personnel and Welfare Committee will take a preliminary look at giving more weight to Service incentives. It is expected that other Committees will be involved after the initial report.

VII The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.